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REMARKS

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1. At 8:30 p.m. on 26 September 1952, tanks were loaded at the Neubrandenburg railroad station. At 9 a.m. on 27 September, engineer columns based at Neubrandenburg. 4 motorcycles, 26 trucks

and amphibious car At 11 a.m., engineer troops were loaded onto 25 to 30 cars at the railroad station. At about noon on 1 October, 20 to 25 new trucks were loaded. On 1 October, the Panzer Kaserne was occupied by 1,500 to 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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2. On 29 September, the restricted Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse, Neuruppin 50X1-HUM quartered 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. One 120-mm howitzer, 1 x 76.2-mm AT gun and trucks were seen at the artillery range. The Neue Infanterie Kaserne quartered about 2,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia on 30 September. T-34 tanks left the installation. Four T-34 tanks left the billeting area on 1 October. At about 5 p.m. on 2 October, about 20 soldiers marched to the installation from the railroad station. One T-34 and 4 T-34 tanks were seen leaving the installation toward Rudow.

four JS tanks practiced firing while driving in Steinwalde. (2)

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3. On 2 and 3 October, JS-3 tank T-34 tanks were seen in Neuruppin, driving toward Kraenke military post exercise. Three T-34 tanks and 4 JS tanks drove toward the same direction on 3 October

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4. On 3 October, 40 factory-new trucks for the Flak Kaserne were unloaded at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. The shipment came from Frankfurt Oder. The Flak Kaserne was occupied to capacity. On 7 and 8 October, two trains each were loaded with materiel from the Artillerie Kaserne, with a shipment consisting of 6x203-mm howitzers. Prime movers and trucks

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On 7 October, a train with 12 M-13 rocket launchers and motor vehicles

was observed. (3)

5. After 4 October, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne in Potsdam quartered an estimated 800 recruits who were daily engaged in basic infantry training. Seventy officers with luggage left the Kriegsschule on 3 October. (4)

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6. On 4 October, about 18 trucks with pontoons and bridge building equipment

were loaded at the Siedow railroad station, coming from the Kavallerieschule, Kramnitz. (5) At 6:30 a.m. on 8 October, a train of 6 boxcars with about 200 soldiers and 26 flatcars with 25 trucks

stood at the Wildpark railroad station. The trucks were loaded with pontoons and bridge-building equipment. The train left toward Justerbog at 7:30 a.m. (6)

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7. On 4 October, a train with trucks mounting 57-mm AT guns about 40 soldiers passed through the Seddin railroad station. The train had been dispatched from Altenrade and was bound for Schoenwalde. (7)

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8. the potato and beet crop has to be harvested by 23 October, allegedly because of weather, which are to extend as far as the Elbe River. Twenty officers arrived in the area after the beginning of October.

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9. maneuvers encompassing the area around Rathenow and extending as far as Pahnitz-Jerschel south of Rathenow were conducted after 29 September. The troops departed for Tangermünde via Genthin and Schlagenthin. practices were held in the area of Barnewitz, Gross Pahnitz, Pagow and Cortz until 1 October. The troops arrived from Nennhausen. (8)

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Comments.

- (1) tank units of the unidentified Gds Hq Tank Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div had been transferred to the area of Rheinberg from 23 to 26 September to engage in field exercises there.

it is also conceivable that the units were transferred with elements of the 41st or 413th Pan Bridge Bn of the 26th Engz West (2) of the Second Gds Mecz Army for additional exercises on 26 and 27 September and that they had returned from these maneuvers by 1 October.

- (2) The occupation of the installations appears to be unchanged except for the Neue Infanterie Kaserne after the return from field exercises in the Neuburg-Miros area on 27 September of units of the 9th Gds Tank Div. The low number of troops in the Neue Infanterie Kaserne indicates that the troops are still in recruits presumably arrived at the post on 2 October.

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- (3) The loading of the heavy guns was made by elements of the 124th Hw How Arty Brig [] which, together with the rocket launchers of the 25th RL Arty from Premnitz were to participate in the fall maneuvers of the Eighth Gds Army on either side of Dessau. The components of the 25th RL Arty were placed en route through Brandenburg. [] 50X1-HUM
- [] the Flak Kaserne was occupied almost to capacity by units of the 3d Gds Army AT Arty Brig on 30 September. 50X1-HUM
- (4) It is possible that a course for officers and officer candidates of the GDR in the Kriegsschule Potsdam had been completed at the beginning of October. 50X1-HUM
- (5) [] probably, elements of the 131st Gds Hw Ar in of the 10th Gds Tank Div were transferred to Storkow, possibly to Storkow Lake south of Fuerstenwalde, presumably for field exercises. 50X1-HUM
- (6) It is assumed that the troops were elements of the 220th Hw Ar of the 220th Gds Itz Rifle Corps which [] passed through [] in the direction of Dessau on 5 October. [] The units were probably to participate in Eighth-Gds-Army maneuvers. [] Comment (3). 50X1-HUM
- (7) [] it seems more probable that the unit was an AAA component of the 31st AAA Div. 50X1-HUM
- (8) The maneuvers in the area south and southeast of Rathenow could have been conducted only by units of the Third Shock Army, as the departure of elements of the Fourth Gds Mocz Army which practiced there after 20 September, was completed on 29 September.

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